EGREMONT HOUSING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF ZOOM MEETING
DECEMBER 21, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p. m. by chairman Fred Gordon. Attending were committee members Richard Allen, Judi Goodman, Fred Gordon, Mark Holmes, Bruce Kafenbaum, Elizabeth Keen and Doug Mishkin. Also attending for all or part of the meeting were Chris Brown (BRPC), Ken Walto (BRPC) and Egremonters James DiPisa, Liz Wilson, Marcia Arland, Stephanie James, Lisa Balestro and Kevin Balestro.

Minutes of the meeting of November 23 were approved unanimously after a correction.

Chris Brown briefly summarized the housing needs report prepared by him and others and asked for questions. Several committee members asked questions and pointed out some errors in the report.

A lengthy discussion took place about the draft RFP. Several committee members stressed the importance of making the RFP flexible enough to attract bidders, including flexibility regarding number of units, ownership versus rental and types of structures.

Richard Allen outlined his suggested timeline for the RFP: (a) finalization of the draft by the committee, (b) submission to the selectboard for their changes and approval, (c) distribution and solicitation of bids, (d) conditional acceptance of the winning bid and (e) approval by the town meeting in May. He described the timetable as ambitious.

Fred Gordon designated Richard Allen, Doug Mishkin and Elizabeth Keen as a working group to flyspeck and make changes to the draft RFP and report back to the committee.

Fred Gordon will draft an entry for the town newsletter.

The committee set Tuesday, January 18 at 5:00 as the date and time for the next meeting of the committee.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.